# Adult Literacy Contact Centre NEWSLETTER

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# BBQ Propane Sales to Fuel Literacy

Superior Propane Inc. – a major Canadian propane marketer – will raise funds for local literacy initiatives during a special promotion in ten B.C. communities this month.

For one week, from **Saturday, May 15 to Saturday, May 22, 1993**, Superior will donate $1.00 from the sale of every barbecue cylinder fillup to literacy. On Saturday, May 15, barbecue cylinder propane fillups will be sold for a special price of $2.99. All cylinders filled at Superior branches or participating dealers throughout the week will count towards the donation.

The fundraiser will take place in ten B.C. communities and simultaneously in each province as the focus of Superior's "Community Relations Week."

No decision has been made to date how the money raised will be distributed in B.C. This will be made by Superior's Toronto headquarters in about six weeks.

On Saturday, May 15, there will be a barbecue cookout at all participating locations, with hot dogs and other refreshments, entertainment, prizes, and children's games. Check with your local Superior Propane dealer for details.

Coupons necessary to make the $1.00 donation will be available in local community newspapers

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Watch for this ad from Superior Propane Inc. in your local newspaper

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and at all participating dealers.

The participating locations in B.C. are:

Ashcroft
Burns Lake
Campbell River
Coquitlam
Cranbrook
Fort St. John
Nanaimo
Prince George
Vernon
Victoria

In the Lower Mainland, the fundraiser will take place at Superior's main office, 51 Glacier Street, Coquitlam, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Radio station CHRX will broadcast on location until 4:00 p.m.

For more information on the Lower Mainland event, contact:

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Superior Propane also supports endeavours such as the Peter Gzowski Invitational golf tournaments in aid of Canadian literacy. ❐

# YMCA to Start Literacy Endowment Fund

Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada has announced a grant of $1 million to YMCA Canada "to help promote literacy throughout the country."

The announcement was made by Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner in Montreal on April 1, 1993.

The grant will help create the YMCA Literacy Endowment Fund to develop and implement literacy programs in YMCAs across Canada. The grant matches the YMCA's goal of also raising $1 million from the private sector.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to:

- ❖ seek new delivery models for literacy training programs
- ❖ provide regular training to literacy practitioners
- ❖ develop new learning materials
- ❖ ensure that literacy training is available to Canadians who do not normally have access to it

YMCA Canada plans to use the grant and the funds it raises from the private sector to help Ys across the country develop internal resources and adapt existing YMCA programs for people with low literacy skills. The YMCA of Edmonton, which began this work in 1990, will continue to be responsible for coordinating the Y's national efforts to develop literacy resources and programs.

For further information, contact:

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The Adult Literacy Contact Centre is a project of the Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. and is jointly funded by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology; and the National Literacy Secretariat.

The Centre welcomes receiving your literacy news by phone, fax or mail. We reserve the right to edit written submissions for the newsletter.

The newsletter is published monthly (except as noted). It is available free of charge to any individual or agency upon request.

# Public Welcome at Poster Exhibit Opening

The public is invited to attend a special opening celebration when an international exhibit of literacy posters goes on display at the Surrey Public Library, Guildford branch, this month.

The "Worlds of Words" exhibit will be at the library from May 19 to June 4, 1993. The opening event is scheduled for:

**Thursday, May 20**
**7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

The display of 50 current and historical literacy posters from around the world, is organized by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and a German educational publisher, Ernst Klett Verlag fur Wissen und Bildung. It opened in Germany in November 1992 and has since been shown around the world.

The exhibit will be co-hosted by the Surrey Public Library and the Invergarry Learning Centre, an adult program of the Surrey School District. The Guildford library is the only western Canadian venue for the display. The other locations of the exhibit in Canada were Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

The posters are from India, Nigeria, the Philippines, Britain, Australia, and Russia, among other countries. They represent a cross-section of Unesco's permanent collection of more than 1,000 literacy posters.

An exhibition catalogue in four languages, containing explanatory notes and colour reproductions of all 50 posters, will be for sale at the Guildford library.

The exhibit will be on display during regular library hours from May 19 through June 4, 1993:

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| Monday to Friday | 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. |
| Saturday | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Sunday (to May 31) | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. |

Admission is free.

For further information contact:

Wendy Caywood
Adult Services Librarian
Surrey Public Library
Guildford Branch
15105 - 105th Avenue
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## THANKS CFUW!

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre wishes to thank the Burnaby Chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) for its fundraiser fashion show for the ALCC, held on April 22, 1993 in Burnaby.

The CFUW is a nationwide network of women university graduates.

# Community Forum on Adult Ed. B.A. Proposal

The University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV) is holding a public consultation on its proposal to institute a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Adult Education. The purpose of the consultation is to invite input on the proposal from representatives of the adult education community.

The consultation will be held Friday, May 28, 1993 at the UCFV Abbotsford Campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to the proposal, the B.A. degree would provide "the opportunity for those involved in education and training to enhance their skills and further their knowledge in the field of adult education. As adults increasingly demand access to learning and educational resources, it is important that those providing the services have the opportunity to study, examine, and prepare to implement Lifelong Learning."

In B.C., at present, only Vancouver Community College, in conjunction with the University of Alberta, offers an undergraduate degree in adult education.

Those interested in attending the community forum are asked

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to register by May 21, 1993.

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# Summer Literacy at UVic

A course on "Teaching literacy skills to adults" will be offered at the University of Victoria this summer as part of the Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education (CACE) program. The course dates are July 15-24, 1993. The instructor is Audrey Thomas, an independent adult education and literacy consultant based in Victoria.

The CACE program is designed for professionals working in adult education who:

❖ plan, administer or promote programs for adults

❖ train, teach or do staff development for adults

Thomas' course, however, is open to any interested practitioners -- not only to those already in the CACE program. Enrolment is limited to 25 seats.

Participants in the course will:

❖ examine the meaning of adult literacy

❖ investigate the nature of literacy work undertaken in Canada by community, voluntary and government organizations

❖ compare literacy work in North America with that in another country

❖ examine the principles, methods and materials used to teach literacy skills to adults

❖ learn strategies for planning adult literacy activities and evaluating programs

The deadline for registration is June 1, 1993.

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# Regional PD Workshops

The Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. has confirmed two workshop events as part of its current Regional Professional Development and Needs Assessment Project. The project will provide PD activities for ABE and literacy practitioners in eight regions of B.C.

The confirmed workshop regions and dates and the local contacts for further information are:

**Northwest Region - Terrace**
**May 24 - 28, 1993**
Contact: Larry Bolingbroke
Adult Basic Education
Northwest Community College
5331 McConnell Avenue
Terrace, B.C.
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Phone: 635-6511

**North Central Region - Prince George**
**June 11 - 12, 1993**
Contact: Frank Costello
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School District #57
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Prince George, B.C.
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Workshop topics are being developed from suggestions received from the ABE field through a survey conducted early this year by project coordinator Audrey Thomas. Thomas reports that she received approximately 270 survey responses, a return rate of over 50%, which, she says, "shows the need for and interest in professional development activities."

Additional workshops in other B.C. regions will be announced at a later date. ❐